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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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E.O. 12065 GDS 08/09/85 (SALMON, CHARLES)

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SUBJECT: PEN PRISONER - JAIME LOKMAN

REFERENCE: BUENOS AIRES 0433

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2. JUDITH DE LOKMAN VISITED DEPARTMENT AUGUST 8. SHE HAD
COME DIRECTLY FROM ROME WHERE SHE UNSUCCESSFULLY SOUGHT AN
AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE.

3. PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS TO ASK BOTH THE POPE AND PRESIDENT
CARTER TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF HER HUSBAND JAIME LOKMAN
WHO HAS BEEN HELD UNDER PEN STATUS SINCE MARCH 1976.
LOKMAN HAS SUFFERED THREE HEART ATTACKS THIS SUMMER AND HIS
WIFE FEARS HE WILL NOT LIVE TO BE RELEASED FROM PRISON.

4. MRS. LOKMAN REQUESTED AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE PRESIDENT
CARTER, TO PERSONALLY ASK FOR THE PRESIDENT'S ASSISTANCE.

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APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT WAS NOT POSSIBLE.

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5. THIRD PETITION WAS FILED WITH GOA JULY 31 REQUESTING RIGHT OF OPTION FOR LOKMAN.

6. FOLLOWING DENIAL OF FIRST TWO PETITIONS MRS. LOKMAN FEELS EMBASSY HAS DONE "EVERYTHING POSSIBLE AND IMPOSSIBLE" TO HELP HER HUSBAND, AND THAT ONLY A PRESIDENTIAL REQUEST CAN HELP HIM NOW.

7. MRS. LOKMAN HAS BEEN TOLD THAT PRESIDENT VIDELA, RESPONDING TO INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE ON HER HUSBAND'S BEHALF, WAS READY TO RELEASE HIM, BUT THAT GENERAL MENENDEZ, WHO HAS REGIONAL AUTHORITY OVER POLITICAL PRISONERS HAS ARGUED TO THE CONTRARY. SHE BELIEVES MENENDEZ HOLDS THE KEY TO HER HUSBAND'S FATE.

8. MRS. LOKMAN ALSO VISITED SEVERAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND OAS OFFICIALS. FYI WE ASSUME FURTHER CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE TO GOA WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

9. REQUEST THAT AMBASSADOR REITERATE AT APPROPRIATE SENIOR LEVELS OF GOA CONTINUED U. S. INTEREST IN MR. LOKMAN'S CASE AND HOPES THAT JULY 31 PETITION WILL BE GRANTED IN LIGHT OF MR. LOKMAN'S POOR HEALTH. MRS. LOKMAN ASKED THAT ANY EXPRESSION OF U. S. INTEREST NOT REPEAT NOT BE LINKED TO HER TRIP. VANCE

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